

PATENT APPLICATION

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**RESPONSE**

This communication is responsive to the comments in the Continuation Sheet accompanying the Advisory Action mailed on December 31, 2008, and is being submitted along with a request for continuing examination. This Response includes the following sections:

1. Listing of Claims, beginning on page 2;
2. Remarks, beginning on page 4;
3. Petition for 2-month Extension of Time.

An RCE fee in the amount of \$405 and a two-month extension of time fee in the amount of \$245 is being paid herewith via credit card. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0029 and is requested to notify us of the same.